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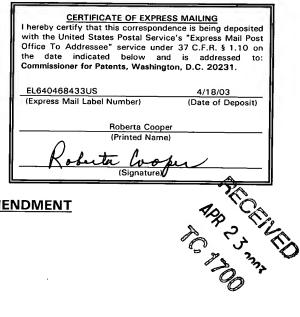
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

- 44. (NEW) A polyamide material comprising:
- (A) a polymer prepared by a process comprising:
- reacting a reaction mixture comprising a monomer selected (i) from maleic anhydride, maleic acid esters, and mixtures thereof, and an amine having the formula R-NH2 to form an intermediate reaction product, wherein R contains between 1 and 50 carbon atoms and is optionally substituted with heteroatoms oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur, phosphorus, and combinations thereof, wherein at least a portion of the R groups are substituted with an amino group; and
- reacting the intermediate reaction product and the amine to (ii) form a polyamide; and

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